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Captain Robert Taylor Amarillo Police Department 200 S.E. Third Avenue Amarillo, Texas 79101-1514

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Dear Captain Taylor:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 116499.

The Amarillo Police Department (the "department") received a request for incident report number 91-31118. You indicate that the department will release the front page offense report information to the requestor. See generally Gov't Code § 552.108(c); Houston Chronicle Publ'g Co. v. City of Houston, 531 S.W.2d 177 (Tex. Civ. App.--Houston [14th Dist.] 1975), writ ref'd n.r.e. per curiam, 536 S.W.2d 559 (Tex. 1976); Open Records Decision No. 127 (1976). However, you contend that the remaining information is excepted from disclosure under section 552.108 of the Government Code. We have considered the exception you claim and have reviewed the documents at issue.

Section 552.108(a)(2) excepts from disclosure "[i]nformation held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime . . . it is information that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime only in relation to an investigation that did not result in conviction or deferred adjudication." You state that the information at issue relates to an investigation which did not result in conviction or deferred adjudication. Based upon your representations and upon our review of the incident report, we conclude that you may withhold the remaining requested information under section 552.108(a)(2).

We are resolving this matter with an informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and should not be relied on as a previous determination regarding any other records.

If you have any questions regarding this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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